

Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Chair Ruth Pinguey welcomed everyone to Abbeytown Assembly Rooms.

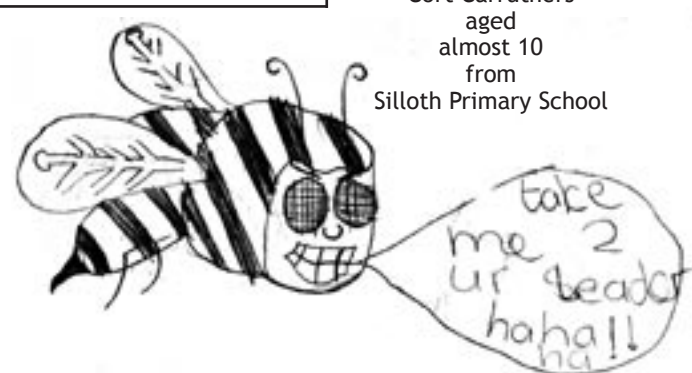
Ruth introduced Jan and Dave Hawkins from 'Pride of Cumbria' Air Ambulance. Jan explained how the first Air Ambulance was introduced on 1st April 1987 in Cornwall. It worked so well and it was realized that our County was similar in geography to Cornwall so it would be good for this County to have its own helicopter. The Great North Air Ambulance worked from the North East and did a wonderful job covering this area as well, but our own would cut down on air miles if it was stationed inside Cumbria. They set off with a small helicopter which is now stationed at Otterburn and can be called upon for extra help should it be needed but we now have a state of the art flying intensive care unit which is the most modern in the Country, all thanks to the people of Cumbria with their fund raising. Jan introduced us on slide to all the crews and helpers and showed us the different helicopters we have helped to fund over the years. The present one is stationed at Carlton Hall and can be on the scene of an accident within minutes and can take

casualties to Newcastle or Middlesbrough within 15 minutes if needed.

Dave explained how well trained everyone must be to be on board the helicopter and praised the crew from Pilot, Doctor, Paramedic and the ground crew needed to maintain it. It costs £85,000 a month to keep the Pride of Cumbria in the air so Jan and Dave have a massive job fund-raising. Joyce Wilson thanked them for a very interesting talk and slide show and wished them well in their future fundraising.

Refreshments were served then the competition was judged for a 'Flower Ornament', this was won by Jackie Cawood, 2nd Gladys Temple, 3rd Lesley Evans.

The raffle winners were Margaret Todd, Caroline Williamson & Joyce Wilson. Joyce was also congratulated on her Ruby Wedding this Sunday. Names were taken for the visit to John Thexton's garden on 21st June at 2pm.



Sting by Cort Carruthers aged almost 10 from Silloth Primary School



Fairy Bee by Jenny Sim aged 9 from Silloth Primary School

Running for the RNLI

Four Silloth RNLI supporters are raising funds for the lifeboat station's £20,000 Crew Training Appeal by taking part in the BUPA Great Manchester Run on 20th May.

Alison Wilson, Gareth Melvin, Ian Pipes and Shirley McCourt - all from Carlisle - will join around 80 other runners who will be raising funds for the lifeboat charity in the 10K run on 20 May. They have been training hard and hope to raise around £500 by their efforts.

Alison's dad Derek Wilson has been a volunteer at Silloth Lifeboat Station for more than 30 years, first as a crew member and now as Deputy Launching Authority. Alison said: 'Because of my dad's involvement, the RNLI has always been very close to my heart. I know

just how dedicated the volunteer lifeboatmen and women are and really wanted to help them raise money for the Crew Training Appeal.'

The lifeboat station launched its appeal last September to pay for vital training. Ninety per cent of new recruits have no professional maritime background and so it is essential the RNLI provides them with the very best training to ensure they can save lives at sea safely and effectively. Catherine Kaye, RNLI Events Manager in the North, said: 'The RNLI depends entirely on voluntary donations from the public to keep our life saving service afloat, so the support of Alison, Gareth, Ian, Shirley and all our other Great Manchester Run participants is absolutely vital.'

Poly Timperon Saga



Lawrence Marshall and his brother Ken on Lady

Report by: Lawrence Marshall

Reply to Anne Constable's article on Polly Timperon.

I knew Polly Timperon of Longcummercattiff during the 40's and early 50's as she was a neighbour of ours. At the time we lived at Hartlaw and Longwood where we had a market-garden selling fruit and vegetables. On Saturdays either father or myself took vegetables on the pony cart to Silloth calling at a few houses on the way through West-Causewayhead. One of the calls was at Longcummercattiff where John Graham farms now and Polly would offer a cup of tea and the craic was usually about horses.

I remember sitting in the farmhouse kitchen on the wood bench seat and the table having the usual oil-cloth cover. The clearest memory I have is Polly showing me in the stable where a mare

was due to produce a foal and in the stable was a bed mattress where Polly would sleep until the mare had the foal. Local people did fear for her safety in case the horse may roll over and harm her.

The Saturday vegetable run finished in Silloth where the remaining vegetables were sold to the greengrocers in town. They were Willie Law - Wampool St., Bruce Selkirk - Criffel St. and next door was Tindals who were Tim Barkers parents Pat and Doris Barker.

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